



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 11, 2000

S. 311

A bill to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on April 5, 2000*

CBO estimates that enacting S. 311 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill could affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates, however, that any such effects would be less than \$500,000 annually. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 311 would authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act, and without the use of federal funds. Under that act, any association that receives a permit to construct a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs must deposit an amount equal to 10 percent of the memorial's estimated construction cost in the U.S. Treasury. The funds deposited are then available without further appropriation for maintenance and preservation of the memorial.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that the federal government would receive a deposit of less than \$500,000. The NPS would spend a portion of this amount each year to maintain the memorial. Based on the experience with similar commemorative projects, CBO expects that no amounts would be received or spent by the federal government for several years after the bill is enacted. In any case, the collections and spending would offset each other over time.

Other provisions of S. 311, which would make technical and other amendments to the Commemorative Works Act, would also have no significant impact on the federal budget.

On April 11, 2000, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 1509, a similar bill, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on April 5, 2000. The estimated costs of the two bills are the same.

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